

### IN THE NAVY



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Drake Mailes, was unable to attend.

Following the ceremony, a luncheon was held in McGee's honor. The great-grandfather of five was flooded with requests for autographs and photos.

It was obvious that McGee truly enjoyed sharing his experiences, and those who met him seemed mesmerized by the living historical figure.

Lyn Steinhilber, a manpower analyst at USNAVEUR Headquarters, said it was a great honor to meet him and hear his story.

"It was inspiring to hear him encourage others not to let people deter you from achieving your dreams," Steinhilber said.

#### A BAND CALLED FUSE

#### **BY: JENNIFER TURNER**

**Assistant Editor** 

wo Nations united in a band called FUSE. Sounds a bit intense until you hear their music and meet the musicians behind it all. Born and raised in the United Kingdom are Russell Leak, guitar and vocals and Allan Burls on bass. The other two members are none other than American service members MSGT Bruce McGrath, attached to OLB-422 ABS, USAF, out at RAF Daws Hill, who plays the drums and YN2 Lando Martinez, attached to CINCUSNAVEUR, on guitar. Both McGrath and Martinez have stated that they have



(Frm left to right; Allan Burls, MSGT Bruce McGrath, Russell Leak and YN2 Lando Martinez)

wanted to play music professionally since they were youngsters. Imagine actually following through with your childhood dreams? These two talented men are, along with their British mates, well on their way to reaching the top of the music ladder.

Less than a year old and this band has already played at some of London's hottest venues, including the Astoria and Rock Garden, where the likes of Dire Straits and Stereophonics have headlined. We must not forget their visits to Daws Hill and

Club Chameleon as well. Their live, original music is a breathe of fresh air compared to some of the remakes being played on the radio over and over and over...I think you get my point. Lead singer Russell Leaks, whom MSGT McGrath has called a great songwriter and extremely talented musician, has written all 14 songs for their CD titled "Good Weird". Bruce adds, "With Lando's innovative guitar work, Allan and I hammering out unique beats and fills, we are able to create that special chemistry and bring out the best in Russell's songs and ideas. Plus we get along great and that definitely helps." In my opinion, their sound has a slight reminiscence to the eighties with complex lyrics on relationships and other issues. "Walking Away", my personnel favorite, is a great example of how to just let go of something or someone with grace. Other tracks include "Can I" and "Sunlight in the Trees".

If you want to check these guys out before they reach 'Big Time' stardom and you can say "I knew them when..." they will be playing at a club called "The Garage" on the 28th of March, HQ's Bar on the 30th of March, and Club Chameleon, 19th of May. For more information please visit their website at www.fuseweb.co.uk.

#### HOUSEHOLD GOODS ALERT

#### FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (FMD) UPDATE FOR TRANSFER-RING PERSONNEL

#### BY MS NOREEN JOHNSTONE

London House Hold Goods Director

The Central European Command (HQUSEUCOM), Executive Agency for Customs and the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has this week placed the entire United Kingdom in a HIGH-RISK shipment status. This means that all shipments of Personal Property from the U.K. that include articles which may carry this disease must be physically inspected by a US Customs/Agriculture inspector.

#### How can you help?

When you are completing the agriculture declaration with your move counselor answer the questions and check off the self-inspection checklist carefully. If your shipment contains any of the articles that may carry the disease you must ensure that they are meticulously cleaned or are not included in the shipment.

A Customs/Agriculture Inspector will contact you and a mutually convenient time will be agreed upon to complete the required inspection. Generally, up to five working

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# AROUND THE FORCES



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days prior to the scheduled pack-out date.

The government contractors packing your property are following strict EUCOM/USDA guidelines. All articles that are considered suspect will be placed into a minimum amount of outer containers. If there were any further border clearance requirements then only the suspect containers would be subject to further inspection and or disinfecting. This will ensure that the majority of your shipment will not experience any delays.

#### Taking Your House Pet with you?

Any house pet that is being imported into the U.S. must meet some basic requirements. The pet must be inspected by a veterinarian and be pronounced free from any communicable disease or body parasites and be healthy enough to travel. The veterinarian will then issue the required health certificate. This certificate is only good for 10 days, so you will need to coordinate your visit to the vet with your travel plans. The animal, in particular dogs need to have a good bath and be kept away from any organic materials prior to handing him/her over to the airline for travel. The pet carrier should be washed with a disinfectant and any bedding scrupulously clean.

#### We need your help in keeping this disease contained.

If you have any questions or need any further assistance contact Mr. Herb Beck, COMNAVACTUK Customs Program Manager on 01895-616585 or e-mail beck@cnauk.navy.mil.

#### PERSONNEL SUPPORT DETACHMENT LONDON SAILOR OF THE YEAR

**BY: PN3 ELLIOTT** 

PSD Public Affairs

Personnel Support Detachment London's newest Sailor of the Year (SOY) has achieved so much in a very short career. One look at his career history and his many accomplishments while assigned to PSD London and it is no wonder why he was chosen as PSD's Sailor of the Year for 2000.

Since reporting to PSD London in October 1999, Disbursing Clerk Second Class (Surface Warfare) Richard Kampenga performed his duties as the Military Pay Clerk until he was reassigned to the Travel Office on 14 November 2000 in preparations to become the Travel Office Supervisor. In addition to his outstanding performance in his primary duties, he has achieved excellence in a host of collateral duties which included the time intensive and complex assignments of Assistant LAN Administrator and the Detachment's Supply Petty Officer.

"DK2(SW) Kampenga is clearly one of the best Disbursing Clerks in the Navy. He always achieves outstanding results from even the toughest jobs. It is easy being a Disbursing Officer when you have someone like DK2 working for you," said DKCM(SW) Gene Guthrie, PSD London's Leading Chief Petty Officer."

DK2(SW) Kampenga enlisted in the U.S. Navy on 1 March 1994, attended Recruit Training in RTC Orlando, Florida and continued training at the DK "A" school in May 1994. Following graduation, he reported to the USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8), homeported in Sasebo, Japan on 6 August 1994 and was assigned to S-4 division as a DKSR. While on board the DUBUQUE, he was advanced to DK3 and earned his Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS) qualification on 9 July 1997. He transferred from the DUBUQUE on 10 September 1997 and reported to his first Personnel Support Activity Detachment at Yokosuka, Japan on 14 September 1997.

While at PSD Yokosuka, he performed his duties as a Fiscal Clerk from September 1997 to December 1997. Then he was moved to the Military Pay Section upon implementation of the Defense Joint Military Pay System. While stationed at PSD Yokosuka he was advanced to DK2. He transferred on 16 September 1999 and reported here at the Personnel Support Activity Detachment London, United Kingdom on 14 October 1999.

According to PSD's Officer-in-Charge, LT Carmen Gaston, "DK2 is on the right track for quick advancement and success in today's Navy. He is taking the hard jobs, back-to-back overseas tours for example, and volunteering for the hard and time-consuming collateral duties. He is dedicated and it shows!"

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## DARE GRADUATION

#### Nickelodeon Presenters attend ceremony

On Wednesday 7 March 2001, Northwood College held their Year 6 Students DARE Graduation. DARE stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education and PC LETSCHE has been teaching at Northwood College for the last 17 weeks.

Pictured below are the Students picked for writing the "best essays" with Mrs & Commander Ostlund, Mounya and Yiolanda from Nickelodeon television. Absent from the picture is Abeer Ebrahim, but standing alongside the elite

TC P KIDS

We are the winners — the girls, photographed with the celebrities and Commander and Mrs Ostlund

are Kiran Lyn, Natasha Morgan and Saijel Taamk.

Nickelodeon UK is the Number 1 dedicated Children's Channel, and is committed to putting kids first, showing top rating programmes.

Commander Ostlund and his wife attended this ceremony as they are very keen to be involved local community projects such as this.

During the course of the evening, the children read out their essays and enacted what they had learned during their lessons. The demonstrations included ways to say no, the consequences of taking drugs, pressures of the media and peer pressure.

After the plays Yiolanda and Mounya praised the children on how well they had done and the two of them together presented the certificates to the girls.

At the end of the evening the two celebrities were swamped by the girls to get them to autographs their certificates.

Yiolanda and Mounya also took time out to give out signed photographs and postcards.

## Complaints regarding M D For U S Navv Security Police

Any Complaint no matter how trivial must be reported to Inspector BRYAN on the number below. He will fully investigate the complain and if he feels that it is necessary he will pass the complaint up his Chain of Command.

Any Complaint regarding the US Navy Security Police is to be reported directly to the Security Director— Mr MEEHAN.

Contact person: **0208 385 5385**  Contactperson: **0208 385 5570** 

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## THE BEST OF BRITISH

With Catherine Harvey

### **Community Relations Adviser**





The 9 screen multiplex Odeon Cinema, within the new Chimes shopping complex in Uxbridge, opened its doors for the first time on 8 March with an appearance by the US Navy and Marines and a host of British television celebrities.

There by special invitation, the US personnel brought an air of sophistication to the evening's events and went on to enjoy the UK première of the movie 'Men of Honor', a story based on the real life exploits of an American Navy diver

The occasion concluded with an after show reception, presenting the Americans with the opportunity to mingle with their British hosts, who all declared that they were a true credit to their country.









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